

U.S. Representative Gregg Harper

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Requests to Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies
Appropriations Subcommittee

Project Name: Regional Counterdrug Training Academy

Proposed Recipient and Address: Mississippi Military Department, FH-MS,
P.O. Box 5027, Jackson, MS 39296

Amount Requested: \$300,000

Project Description: Using the existing facilities, staff and support structure of the regional Counterdrug Training Academy, the CJS Byrne Grant funding will result in training an additional 300 first responders in prevention of terrorism and response to terrorist incidents.

Project Name: Thad Cochran Research, Technology and Economic
Development Park

Proposed Recipient and Address: Mississippi State University, P.O. Box 6343,
Mississippi State, MS 39762

Amount Requested: \$11,000,000

Project Description: Expansion of the Thad Cochran Research, Technology and Economic Development Park. Mississippi State University proposes construction of Phase II of the Thad Cochran Research, Technology and Economic Development Park. This will at least double the size of the Research, Technology and Economic Development Park and provide high quality infrastructure together with office and laboratory space for small high technology companies to locate in close proximity to Mississippi State University.

Project Name: NOAA Northern Gulf Institute

Proposed Recipient and Address: Mississippi State University, P.O. Box 9627,
Mississippi State, MS 39762

Amount Requested: \$16,000,000

Project Description: The NGI defines the Northern Gulf of Mexico region as the upland and watershed, coastal zone, and coastal ocean areas from the Sabine River, LA in the west to the Suwannee River, FL in the east. The Northern Gulf is a rich and interdependent natural environment of great complexity and is important to the region and the nation. The riverine-dominated Northern Gulf ecosystems are under pressure from increasing population and coastal development, impacts from severe storms and climate variability, inland watershed and coastal wetlands degradation, and many other factors. NGI has chosen an approach to Northern Gulf Region issues, problems and opportunities that is closely aligned with NOAA's strategic and research priorities and its user-community. This approach is science driven, regionally focused, and coordinated with other Gulf of Mexico Basin activities, and seeks whenever appropriate to promote the application of its results to support decision makers and policy development.

Project Name: Mississippi State University Cyber Crime Initiative and National Consortium for Digital Forensics Training

Proposed Recipient and Address: Mississippi State University, P.O. Box 9637, Mississippi State, MS 39762

Amount Requested: \$2,200,000

Project Description: The National Forensics Training Center (FTC) provides needed no cost digital forensics investigation training to state and local law enforcement officials nation-wide. Law enforcement students are provided lodging, meals, and training at no cost. The FTC maintains a highly trained instructor staff, two classrooms, and a mobile lab for training purposes. A full suite of digital forensics short course classes are offered which expose law enforcement and judicial officials to technical techniques in digital investigations and current search and seizure laws applicable to electronic evidence. The project also supports the State of Mississippi Cyber Crime Fusion Center managed by the State Attorney General a one of a kind Federal/State/Local cooperative effort addressing cyber crime. Other partners in this effort have included Jackson State University and the University of Mississippi's National Center for Justice and Rule of Law. Since the FTC began operation in late 2005, more than 2100 law enforcement students have participated in its training from 22 states. The demand for this training is increasing every year.